

WHAT IS CLAIMED

1. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat characterized in keeping watch on the amount of the heat(including heat and cold heat) used by a user through a network such as the Internet, Intra-net, etc. or on dialup or dedicated lines or on a radio channel(hereafter referred to as a network), and calling upon the user to install additional heat/ cold heat unit(hereafter referred to as unit) or reduce the number of units or replace by a different class one in accordance with the variation of the heat/cold heat load.
2. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to clam 1, characterized in that the load of the unit leased to the user is monitored through the network, and the user is called upon to install additional unit or replace the unit by larger one when the cumulative level of continuous or intermittent load of the unit during a certain period exceeds the prescribed upper limit.
3. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that when the cumulative level of continuous or intermittent load of the unit during a certain period falls below the prescribed lower limit, the user is called upon to reduce the number of the units in use or replace the unit by smaller one.
4. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that a WWW server is provided at each of a monitoring depot for monitoring the load and the amount of heat/cold heat used and a maintenance depot for executing maintenance tasks such as addition or reduction of the number of units or replacement of the unit by larger or

smaller one, and these data are shared through the network.

5 A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that a monitoring depot for monitoring the load and the amount of heat/cold heat used and a maintenance depot for executing maintenance tasks such as addition or reduction of the number of units or replacement of the unit by larger or smaller one and maintenance of the unit, are coalesced into a depot, and the data are shared by a common WWW server.

6. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that the payment of the user includes fluctuating usage charge (charge for fluctuating heat/cold heat corresponding to fluctuating loads).

7. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that the payment of the user is the rental for the unit, the rental including the fluctuating usage charge which fluctuates according to the fluctuation of the load of the unit (charge for fluctuating heat/cold heat corresponding to fluctuating loads).

8. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that the payment of the user includes the management fee for the maintenance, etc. of the unit and the presence or absence of irregularity is monitored by an irregularity detection signal obtained through the network inclusive of the load conditions of the unit installed at a user's site, and maintenance of the unit is recommended based on the presence or absence of irregularity.

9. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 8, characterized in that the irregularity detection signal includes pictorial data showing the operating

conditions of the unit.

10. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 8, characterized in that the maintenance includes the maintenance and repairs together with the replacement of unit.

11. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that the unit is a portable heat source unit with an evaporative condenser.

12. A business system for supplying heat/cold heat according to claim 1, characterized in that the portable heat source unit with an evaporative condenser is a self-completed type unit which allows heat/cold heat cycle to be performed in the unit except the taking-out of heat/cold heat to a secondary side load.